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MEMORANDUM FOR: []

3 November 1955

SUBJECT : New Construction []

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1. This will confirm my request to you to be at [] for as much time as is necessary later this month to supervise the additional construction work to be undertaken there. It is my belief that the period of construction will start on Friday, 18 November and will last at least through Sunday, 27 November, possibly through Monday, the 28th. I would suppose you should be there at least one day before the beginning of construction to ensure that the work is well planned and that it will not be necessary for you to remain throughout the entire ten-day period. I will leave this, however, to your judgment. Perhaps you should arrange to have a message sent to [] inquire the exact time when construction will begin.

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2. In addition to the construction previously decided upon (the operations tower, warehouse, instruction building, and 20 trailers) the following jobs are under consideration:

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a. A shed along the back of the center wing of #1 hangar to house the film processing equipment now on its way [] interior dimensions approximately 7 x 12'.

b. The paving with asphalt of an area in the neighborhood of the hangars sufficient to provide tie-downs for aircraft expected to be on the base.

c. The spreading of selected material on certain areas especially between the dispensary and the strip to give more enduring protection against dust.

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d. A turn-around at the south end of the strip.

Estimates of the cost of all four of these jobs have been requested [] and will presumably be forwarded to us in a few days. It is my own present

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judgment that the first three will have to be undertaken. I am pretty well convinced that the external shed is the best way to house the processing equipment; I am sure we must have additional tie-downs and I believe we should spend a modest sum for further dust alleviation. With respect to the turnaround, I am most reluctant to approve an additional expenditure of the order of [] and I am equally reluctant to have work undertaken by uncleared personnel which almost certainly could not be done during the period of shut down later this month.

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I would appreciate if you would follow-up these matters, advise [] and me when firm estimates arrive so that we may make the necessary decisions well before the shut-down period.

g/m
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Project Director

cc: Deputy Project Director
Director of Operations
Director of Administration

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